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**MASSACHUSETTS MAN ADMITS GUILT IN IDENTITY FRAUD SCHEME**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Inspector in Charge of the Boston Field Office, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Kenneth R. Jones, announced today that John C. Clancy of Melrose, Massachusetts, pleaded guilty today to federal charges of Identity Fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028(a)(7). Clancy will be sentenced on April 14, 2004 at 10:00 AM and faces a maximum prison sentence of 15 years.

At the change of plea hearing today, John Clancy admitted stealing the identity of a deceased high school classmate and using it to engage in numerous federal crimes in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and elsewhere. In December of 2002, the New Hampton, NH Police Department brought what appeared to be a simple bank fraud case to the attention of the United States Postal Inspection Service. The joint investigation uncovered the following evidence, all of which Clancy admitted in open court today.

In May of 2002 Clancy fraudulently obtained a New Hampshire drivers license in the name of the deceased classmate. He then used that license and the social security number of the deceased to open a bank account at the Bristol, NH branch office of the Franklin Savings Bank. The account was funded with bad checks and the bank sustained a loss of approximately \$3,000.00.

The investigation which followed proved that Clancy used multiple mailing addresses in New Hampshire and Massachusetts and had filed fraudulent documents with the IRS relating to employment, all in the name of the deceased. Clancy also admitted that he used the name and social security number of the deceased to fraudulently open bank accounts at Franklin Savings Bank, Citizens Bank, U.S. Trust, Cambridge Trust, South Trust Bank, Bank of America, Bank of New Hampshire, and, Cambridgeport Bank. Additionally, he admitted that he used the stolen identity to open credit accounts at Filene's, The Bon Ton, AT&T, Sprint PCS, Cingular Wireless, Winchester Hospital, and North Shore Radiological Associates occurring between March and November of 2002.

After the hearing today, US Attorney Tom Colantuono said, "It is outrageous to think that someone would use the identity of a deceased school classmate for his own criminal purpose. Nonetheless, identity thieves do exist. This Office will not only pursue defendants like this, who engage in a systematic series of fraudulent acts, but all who steal others' identities."

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Arnold H. Huftalen.